THE PANICULUM

Aka, your first reading assignment of the summer...[1]

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

Vol. 44, No. 1, Monday 24th of June 2024

Calendar:

Mon June 24th	Student Arrival Day All Day: Check In, Porter's Lodge 1:00pm Lunch, Dining Hall 2:00 Lightning Tour! ~~6:15-6:45 Lincoln College Welcome, Oakeshott Room~~ 6:45pm Dinner, Dining Hall
Tues, June 25th	Registration Day 8:00am Breakfast, Dining Hall 9:00am Making the Most of the Bodleian, Oakeshott Room 10:00am Introduction to the Lincoln Library, Lincoln Library 10:50am Bodleian Registration. Meet at Porter's Lodge, bring Passport! 1:00pm Lunch, Dining Hall 2:30-3:30pm Mentor-Led Welcome, Grove Quad 3:30pm Campus and Town Tour, Meet in Front Quad 6:00pm Head Tutor's Welcome, Oakeshott Room 6:30 Drinks Reception, Drive Quad 7:15 Formal Dinner, Dining Hall
Weds June 26th	Classes Begin (See list of first class times/locations for more information)
Thurs June 27th	5:00pm Senior Meeting, Deep Hall

Monday is Arrival Day. You have arrived! (Unless you are reading this on Breadweb from elsewhere, in which case we still appreciate your effort to stay informed.) All you need to do for the rest of the day is nap and eat. However, you are cordially invited to:

1) **The lightning-fast tour around the block at 2pm,** in which Emily will show you where to buy essential items, like coffee, shampoo, more coffee, etc. This is not required, but might be helpful if you've never been to Oxford before and you need the basics. Or if you just need a cup of coffee.
2) **The Lincoln College Welcome at 6:15pm,** in which our gracious hosts will introduce themselves and formally welcome us to Oxford.

[1] JK! Because you've *already done* all of the reading, as recommended. Right? Right?

Meanwhile, **The Bread Loaf Office is open in Chapel Quad, at the foot of Staircase 7**. You don't have to check in with us, but we do have a vast library of things left behind by past BLOXers, including fans, lamps, teapots, and a few yoga mats. If you're really lucky, you might snag some laundry detergent or a copy of *101 Dalmations*. It's first-come, first-served, so hurry up and take your chances.

We used to call Tuesday Registration Day, but that was sort of confusing since, you know, you already registered. So instead, think of **Tuesday June 25th** as **Academic Boot Camp Day.**

Academic boot camp begins with a **three-part library extravaganza.** This commences at 9am in the Oakeshott Room, which you can reach via secret door in Grove Quad. From there you will travel to the Lincoln Library and then the Bodleian, where you will be sworn in via ancient ceremony. Why is this all so complicated? Why are there so many libraries? Please just show up and find out.

In the afternoon, you are cordially invited to be **welcomed by our mentors**, who have all spent summers in Oxford before and can provide you with lots of wisdom and snacks along with your welcome. After that, you can join Emily for a **campus and town tour**, which will include useful information like the locations where you can find classrooms, pubs, imps, good food, and other things of note.

The opening ceremonies begin at 6:00pm in the Oakeshott room. (Pop Quiz: Where's the Oakeshott room? If you had been to your library orientation, *you would know that already*.) This is followed by drinks on Grove Quad and dinner. Wear something nice.

You have already joined BreadWeb. You should actually log in and start using it. You have to use your Middlebury email. You have to use your Middlebury email for everything this summer, because we don't have your non-Middlebury email.

Meals are served in the dining hall at the following times on weekdays:

Breakfast: 8am
Lunch: 1pm
Dinner: 6:45pm (7:15 for formal dinners)

On Sundays ONLY, breakfast moves to 8:45am.

A Short Guide to Living Off-Campus: If you don't plan to live at Lincoln College this summer, you may be wondering what information applies to you and what doesn't. Here's what you need to know:

Everything applies to you! You are invited to everything! This includes formal dinners, lectures, commencement (even if you're not a senior) and drinks in the pub. You obviously don't need a room key, but you should still stop by the porter's lodge and pick up a fob, which will grant you access to college facilities including the library. **However, if you attend regular meals (ie, non-formal dinners) you have to pay for them.** This is because formal dinners are included in the cost of your tuition, but <u>regular meals are not</u>. Here is the price list for meals:

Breakfast	£9
Lunch	£17
Servery (Regular) Dinner	£19
Formal dinner (included for all students, you may bring guests if you let us know in advance)	£32.25
Graduation dinner	£44

Speaking of Formal Dinner, here are some guidelines:

- ★ Wear something nice. The official dress code is "Smart Casual." If you're wondering what that means, you could look it up, but know that Wikipedia defines it as an "ill-defined" and "ambiguous" category, but says it is "flexible." Basically, wear something nice and weather appropriate.
- ★ Following the introduction and drinks reception, the butler will invite us into dinner by ringing a bell. Enter the hall and remain standing behind the bench until we are all invited to sit.
- ★ You should have registered your dietary restrictions a few weeks ago. Your server will likely confirm this with you once you are seated. If you have NOT registered your dietary needs, you will be served a regular, meaty, gluten-filled meal. The chef prepares a certain number of vegetarian and special meals ahead of time depending on the information we have provided, so **please don't steal someone else's meal**.
- ★ Please don't leave until all courses are finished.
- ★ There will be an abundance of wine. Pace yourself. Your first class is probably the next day.

Laundry Cards should have been included with the paperwork you received when you checked in. You top them up online, and the machines are available in the basement of Staircase 8.

Safety: Please be mindful as you walk around, and do lock your doors and windows. If you'd like to store your passport or other valuables in the office safe, bring it on by. (Just remember to retrieve it during office hours before you leave the country.)

The Porters are the friendly people who greeted you upon arrival. The place where they work is called **the lodge**. They can help you with a plethora of things, including room keys, stamping and sending your mail, giving directions, etc. It's also nice to introduce yourself, so they have a sense of who is here for the summer.

Deep Hall is your friendly on-campus pub. You enter via the staircase from Grove Quad. The drinks are subsidized by the British government!

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Calendar:

Thurs June 27th 5:00pm Senior Meeting, Deep Hall

Friday, June 28th You made it through the first week! Have a Pimms cup.

The fans went faster than Taylor Swift tickets. We ran out by about 11am on Monday. We're also out of yoga mats, teapots, lamps, and hair dryers. We do have a few small bars of soap, a pillow, the lid to a Keep Cup, several copies of *Richard III,* some guidebooks you can borrow, and **laundry cards!** If you come take this stuff off our hands, we'll throw in some tampons, because somebody left a bag of those too.

If you don't want a laundry card, you can use an app! Go to circuit.co.uk for more information. Let us know how it goes. No matter what method you use, you'll need to add money online before you go to the laundry room, which is in the basement of Staircase 8 btw.

If you still need a fan, WH Smith on Cornmarket has them. This tip comes to us from mentor Will Freed, who also says that you might have a hard time finding them in the store. On the other hand, he also reports they are cheap. On the other hand, it is now 65 degrees and windy.

We have previously reported the times that meals begin, but we can now report when they end!
Breakfast is 8:00-8:45 on Monday-Saturday, and 8:30-9:15 on Sunday.
Lunch is always 1:00-1:30pm
Dinner is 6:45pm-7:30pm most weekdays, 6:30pm-7:00pm on weekends, and at 7:00pm sharp for formal dinners. Those end when Jeri says a toast, and you'll have had enough wine you won't even know what time it is.

Speaking of meals, you can check the menu ahead of time using kafoodle. This link will be updated weekly. Kafoodle is where I learned that Tuesday's lunch dessert was called a "Lemon Syllabub," which is one of the better things I have learned this week.

We are going to ask you which meals you plan to attend via a survey that Matt is sending very soon. Please fill out this survey! It is your BEST ESTIMATE of your plans for the week and it will help us help the kitchen plan ahead and not waste food. It is not a legal document, and we will not throw you in the dungeon and/or force feed you stuffed squid if you change your mind.

Also, although we understand that the lines for meals have been long lately, **please don't cut in line.** (I know you're just dying for that squid and syllabub, but chill out, OK?) We are expecting things to be less busy once Lincoln's Open Days are finished (tomorrow.)

In related news, **someone should open a pub** and call it the Squid and Syllabub. Just a thought.

You are still a member of BreadWeb. Speaking of which, did you know there is also a BreadWeb app? You need to use your Middlebury email to log in. And remember, *if you don't use our Middlebury email, you don't really exist.* At least not to us, because we have no idea what your other email is and neither does your professor. Also, last year's emails from Middlebury were full of exciting information about wild animals and weather catastrophes, so you'll have major FOMO if you don't log in.[1]

Please don't share your fob with anyone. If you do, we *will* throw you in the dungeon. Also, **please don't walk on the grass unless you are in Grove Quad.** The Chapel Quad grass is reserved for commencement celebrations, and the Front Quad grass is reserved for…we're not sure. We have never seen anyone walk on the Front Quad grass and we don't recommend you be the first.

Deep Hall's official hours are 6pm-11pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you'd like to hold an event in Deep Hall at a different time, let us know in the office and we'll tell Simon, who may be able to open for you. Have some drinks! **But please don't smoke or vape unless you are in the designated smoking spot,** which is the little outdoor stairwell by the entrance to Deep Hall.

Some upcoming events you should know about:

Shelby Knighten wants you to know "it isn't too late to join **the discussion of Jonathan Kramnick's book on close reading titled *Criticism and Truth***. The group will discuss chapter one and the first part of chapter two (through page 36) on Monday from 5:45-6:45. Faculty, staff, and students are all welcome." They plan to meet in the Williams Room on the ground floor of Staircase 14.

The Bread Loaf Students of Color will meet on Mondays after dinner. Location TBA in Monday's Paniculum!

The Bread Loaf Teacher's Network will have their first meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd at 4pm in the Langford Room, at which point they will plan times and locations for the rest of the summer.

Mara Beneway is interested in setting up a regular **Deep Hall reading series** (think Blue Parlor but with drinks!) Email her if you are interested in collaborating on this: rbeneway@middlebury.edu.

The annual BLOX T-shirt contest will commence shortly! Begin preparing your designs now- we'll be looking for a design that will look good printed in a single color, probably black. More information is forthcoming.

The All-School Play, *The School for Scandal* will be on July 10th in Stratford-on-Avon. Your ticket is included in the price of tuition, so you have already paid for it. Coaches will be leaving Oxford at 11am and 3pm.We'll be asking you to sign up for a coach soon, so check your class schedule and think about whether you would like to spend the day in Shakespeare's hometown. If you do, you can see where Shakespeare maybe was born! Or maybe was not! Or you can shop for trinkets and have a drink by the river, which is also nice. If you take the 3pm coach you'll have just about enough time for dinner before the play.

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[1] You all should appreciate BreadWeb. Back in my day we had a thing called Breadnet, which had a lot fewer graphics and no app. On the other hand, it did have some interesting job postings from the late 1990s, and everyone could easily log in because I'm pretty sure everyone's password was "bread."

If you need to print something, read the information you received in your welcome packet. TLDR? Click this link, log in with username bread and password Oxford2024, and choose a printer. If you want color, the library printer is the one you need.

We will now answer the most FAQ of all the summer FAQs:

Your mailing address is:

Your name
Bread Loaf School of English
Lincoln College
Turl Street
Oxford
OX1 3DR
UK

Mail will first arrive at the porter's lodge and be transferred to the Bread Loaf office. We'll try to email you if we see that you have received mail. You can try to intercept it at the porter's lodge if you don't want us to know how much stuff you're buying (or if you forgot the Bread Loaf part of the address.)

If you miss watching American TV, you can set up a VPN to trick your computer into thinking you are in America. Expressvpn.com has worked for me and is pretty easy to set up, but it does cost money.
In related news, season three of *The Bear* comes out today**.** Or, if your blood pressure has been too low lately, you can watch the US Presidential debates. Have fun!

T H E P A N I C U L U M

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Vol. 44, No. 3, Monday the 1st of July, 2024

Calendar:

Monday July 1st	All Day Important Event: You, filling out the meal survey, wherever you are!
	5:30-6:30pm Students of Color Meeting, Deep Hall
	5:45-6:45 *Criticism and Truth* Reading Group, Williams Room
Tuesday July 2nd	4:00pm BLTN Meeting, Langford Room
	No formal dinner this week. Regular Informal Dinner, 6:45pm.
Wednesday July 3rd	A great day to work on your brilliant BLOX T-shirt design!
Thursday July 4th	6:00pm 4th of July Picnic

Important Breaking News! The Bread Loaf Office is currently closed due to illness. If you need anything, please send Emily or Matt a Breadweb message or email (ezdyrko@middlebury.edu or mcinotti@middlebury.edu.) If you have a need that requires something in-person, let us know and we'll do our best to help within the bounds of safety and your comfort level.

We highly recommend that you use the Lincoln House printer at this time. It's on the 1st floor of Lincoln House, which is across the street next to Norah's Antiques. You can go there in person and/or use this link, with username bread and password Oxford2024,

Pleeease fill out the meal survey. If you have not done so because you are feeling paralyzed by indecision and feel unable to commit, please remember that just your best guess is actually really helpful and will cut down on food waste. Please help us be more sustainable!

You can still check the menu ahead of time using kafoodle.

We still have lots of great events that you can get involved in this week! See above for information on the BLSE Students of Color (now meeting BEFORE dinner), the *Criticism and Truth* Reading group, and the Bread Loaf Teacher's Network. Deep Hall Readings are likely to begin next Sunday!

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Calendar:

Thursday July 4th 6:00pm 4th of July Picnic

Please note that **everyone (students, faculty, staff, family members, etc) is welcome to attend the 4th of July picnic, and <u>you do not have to pay for it.</u>** That's right, feel free to waltz right up and accept this free gift like you're a Supreme Court Justice or something. Or a normal British person receiving health care. Happy Independence Day, everyone. Deep Hall is open 6-11 if you need a drink.

BUT- **If you live off campus and want to eat a meal in the dining hall at a different time, you do need to pay for that.** Like an American going to an out-of-network doctor. Come by the Bread Loaf office and Matt will let you know how much you owe for that Supreme of Chicken and chips.

<u>Update on the Bread Loaf Office:</u> The Bread Loaf Office is officially open! 9-3 Thursday, 9-1 Friday. That is, if you're brave enough to come visit us. We also don't blame you if you decide to send a BreadWeb message instead. Or you can stand outside and we'll hand you things through the window. Thanks to our sponsors, KN95 masks and open windows.

<u>Health and Safety Section:</u>
You may be wondering what the COVID policy is. There is no COVID policy anymore, except the general "don't be an a-hole" policy, which is a policy we also recommend you follow in all areas of your life.[1]

Basically, if you don't feel well, try to stay away from people, whether it's COVID or not. Wearing a mask would be a considerate choice. You are allowed to do things like get your own meals, do your own laundry, etc, but maybe try not to be a close-talker when you do. And join us plague-ridden people eating outside in Grove Quad anytime you want. It's actually really nice out here.

If you're *really* sick, please let us know. We want to help! There is a stock of basic medications in the office, like Tylenol, Ibuprofen and something called Lemsip. And you're invited to come see us, because we already have COVID, so we're not scared of you! If you need medical care, we will also do our best to make sure you get whatever it is you need. (They have been practicing medicine here since, like, the 1300s.)

Finally, if you take a COVID test from the office windowsill, please make sure you take *all three pieces*. You need a swab, a little tube of fluid, and a testing tablet-thing. Some of you definitely walked off with only two of the three, and we have been wondering how that is working out for you. (If you come back for the last part, we won't judge. Just let us know what you need.)

[1] We know you do. We think you are great.

Looking ahead to next week, when we will hopefully all be healthy again: **Pleeease fill out the meal survey for next week.** We really want you to be thoughtful about whether you plan to attend high table, but we really just want your best guess for everything else.

Also, please fill out the bus All-School Play survey and let us know which bus you want to take to Stratford. But also - Spoiler Alert!- if you're just filling this out now you are taking the 3:00pm bus, because the earlier bus is full. You can request the 11am, though, and we'll put you on the waitlist. Also, this item actually only applies to a few people, because almost everyone has filled out the All-School Play survey. See, we know you guys are good at surveys when you want to be. You can't fool us. Please fill out the food survey too.

If you really want to plan ahead, you might want to check out Tripadvisor for some Stratford-upon-Avon restaurant recommendations. (This recommendation comes directly from Stephen Berenson.) Everyone should have time for dinner before the play, regardless of what coach you take. And there are plenty of options-but you might want to reserve a table ahead of time if you have really strong preferences about what you eat, or plan to have a large group. Also, please note that the play begins at the unusual time of 7:15pm, so we recommend you plan to head to dinner by 5pm or so to give yourself plenty of time.

The T-Shirt design submission deadline is Sunday, July 7th, at midnight. If you don't submit something, we will be forced to use either a weird AI-generated image or just not have a t-shirt. So please consider submitting something!

Next Tuesday is our first lecture, given by former Bread Loaf faculty member David Russell. It will be at 5pm in the Oakeshott Room, followed by drinks and a formal dinner at 7pm. Please plan to be there!

You can still check the menu ahead of time using kafoodle.

The *Criticism and Truth* reading group now meets after dinner on Mondays. 7:45pm-8:45pm in the Williams Room in Staircase 14.

There will be construction in the library next week, and the Lincoln Library will be closed. They are also vacuuming all of the books, so you might want to find a different place to work anyway. The Bear Lane Reading room is available if you want a quieter place to work, or of course, the entire Bodleian.

And finally, just a quick update/reminder on **getting your mail on the weekend:** The office is officially closed on the weekend, so the easiest way to get an urgently needed piece of mail is to intercept it at the porter's lodge before it gets delivered to the Bread Loaf office. If you desperately need it and it is in the office, send a Breadweb message to Emily or Matt (but please be patient, as we may be away from the college for the day.) We're sorry for any inconvenience this causes. (You can also ask the porter to help you retrieve it from the office, but please ask very nicely!)

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Vol. 44, No. 5, Monday the 8th of July, 2024

Calendar:

Monday July 8th	5:45pm-6:45pm Bread Loaf Students of Color, Deep Hall 7:45-8:45pm *Criticism and Truth* Reading Group, Williams Room
Tuesday July 9th	5:00pm Lecture, *On Creativity: Art and Psychoanalysis with Marion Milner* David Russell, Oakeshott Room 6:00pm Drinks Reception, Grove Quad 7:00pm Formal Dinner
Wednesday July 10th	11:00am First bus leaves for Stratford, from Catte Street 3:00 Second bus leaves for Stratford NO DINNER in the Dining Hall

Bread Loaf Office Update: The quarantine has been lifted! We don't have COVID anymore! (At least, not according to Flowflex.) You can come visit us and breathe our air if you want. The official BLOX Office hours are:

9am-1pm and 2-3pm Monday-Thursday
9am-1pm Fridays

Speaking of COVID, there are more tests on our windowsill. Be a good citizen and test if you think you might be sick. Also, please be a good citizen and only take ONE of the nasal swabs at a time, even though they are all in a little plastic bag together. You don't have that many nostrils.

Tuesday is our first lecture of the summer. Professor David Russell, currently of UCLA, previously of the University of Oxford and BLOX, will be giving a talk titled *On Creativity: Art and Psychoanalysis with Marion Milner.* Did you know that Marion Milner is known as a pioneer of introspective journaling? Neither did I until I read her wikipedia article! Be there at 5pm in the Oakeshott Room to hear from someone who knows a lot more than I do. Followed by drinks on Grove Quad if it's not too squishy and damp, and a formal dinner in the Hall.

If you're a senior, you can expect to be seated at the high table sometime this summer. Just warning you, in case you were planning to sneak away early to watch the Euro Cup or something.

We would usually use this space to give you a synopsis of the All-School Play, but this is the first time in a loong time that the All-School Play is not something we're actually familiar with. So here are some photos from the Guardian instead. The RSC website explains "After Shakespeare but long before *Bridgerton*, there was *The School for Scandal*." Take from that description what you will, but I think there will be both elaborate hairstyles and also hilarity.

We will release the ~~bus~~ coach rosters soon, but here's what you really need to know: If you signed up for the 11am coach within the first 24 hours or so that the survey was open, you're on the 11am coach. Or, if you're in Page to Stage, you're on the 11am coach. If these things don't apply to you, you're probably on the 3pm coach. But don't worry, the 3pm coach is **not** going to run out of space (we promise). We have tickets for all of you. If you're on the 11am and can't make it, please let us know. Somebody wants your seat, and we can easily put you on the 3pm coach.

The coaches leave from Catte Street. Not sure where that is? Meet in the porter's lodge 10 minutes before, and we'll walk you over.

The final and most important news for the week is that the Lincoln Library is closed this week. Too bad there are no other libraries in Oxford. In better news, the Lincoln Library will soon have a lift that works for handicapped students, instead of a lift that looks really nice, but doesn't actually work. (This information provided courtesy of Lucy the Lincoln Librarian.) Thank you for your patience everyone.

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Vol. 44, No. 6, Thursday the 11th of July, 2024

Calendar:

There are no more events this week. You probably have some reading to do, though. But not in the Lincoln Library, which is still closed.

If the whole library closure thing is messing with your usual printer habits, use this link to print to a different location. Username is bread and the password is Oxford2024. The Lincoln House printer is across the street and open all the time. The Bread Loaf Office printer is available during office hours, which is *not* all the time (see Monday's Paniculum for hours.) However if you come here we will give you free crisps, so that is kind of nice. (FYI, Americans- Crisps are potato chips, and chips are what you call fries.)

Upcoming Events include:

Sunday, 8pm: England is in the Euro Cup Finals! If you would like to watch in Deep Hall, Simon will open, but only if we have about 30 people who want to attend. If you haven't already, RSVP by filling out this form by Friday at lunchtime. If you already liked or commented on the BreadWeb post, we're assuming you're already in. If Deep Hall doesn't open, you'll have to watch somewhere else, and we know you don't want that.

There is also a Deep Blue Parlor Reading on Sunday. It is also scheduled for Sunday at 8pm, watch BreadWeb for details.

Dean Emily Bartels is visiting Bread Loaf Oxford from Monday July 15th-Friday July 20th. She will be attending our lecture and formal dinner, celebrating with scholarship recipients, and meeting with students and faculty members. We've already reached out to anyone who needs to meet with her (Hi there first years and MLitt students!) but the rest of you are invited to meet with her as well if there's anything you would like to discuss. Sign up here. Please don't mess around with the google doc, though. (See last week's announcement about the "don't be an a-hole" policy.) If none of those meeting times work for you, come see us in the office and we'll try to work something out.

Public Service Announcement for New Students: Dean Emily Bartels is *not* the same Emily who works in the office. You've probably figured that out from context by now, but you'd be surprised how often people get confused. (We're everywhere.) There are at least two more of us here this summer at Lincoln, too- but Bartels is the only one who can schedule your MLitt exam or whatever. (I can give you crisps though.)

Public Service Announcement for Everyone: Please congratulate Cleo Aukland on creating the winning t-shirt design for BLOX 2024! You can purchase a shirt through this google form. You can also purchase a stylish BLOX tote bag with a design from Dana Olsen herself! Be aware that shirts from this company have tended to run small, so you might want to size up if you're not an elf.

The Annual BLOX Conference is coming up in Week Five, and it is run by Shelby Knighten. A more formal call for proposals will come out next week, but for now all you need to know is that the theme is close reading, and you are invited to give a short presentation of your work.

In case you aren't tired of google forms by now, we have an announcement about meals. You will continue to sign out for weekday meals through a form that Matt sends out early in the week. However, starting next week we will be asking everyone to actually *sign up* for weekend meals. That means that **if you want to eat on the weekends, you should fill out a form.** This is a new policy, since weekend meal turnouts have been so low. The form has not been sent out yet, but you'll get it soon. We're sorry for sending you so many forms, but the alternative is that we all spend the entire week eating weekend food leftovers. Again, **you do not need to fill this form out yet,** we are just telling you this so you can mentally prepare for this major life change.

Also, speaking of food:

Dessert tonight is called Lime Jelly and Blue Vanilla Ice Cream. We hope someone takes a picture of this, because it sounds like even more fun than Syllabub.

In England there is a thing called a chip butty, and it is literally a sandwich made with chips. We just thought you might want to know that.

THE PANICULUM

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Calendar:

Monday, July 15th	5:45pm-6:45pm Bread Loaf Students of Color, Deep Hall
	7:45-8:45pm *Criticism and Truth* Reading Group, Williams Room
Tuesday July 16th	5:00pm Lecture, Oakeshott Room
	6:15 Drinks Reception, Grove Quad
	7:00pm Formal Dinner, Hall

Dean Emily Bartels is here! She arrived this morning and will be here throughout the week. If there's anything you'd like to discuss with her, maybe wait until tomorrow, because she's probably still jet-lagged. (You remember what that feels like). You can sign up for one of the remaining meeting slots here. She will also be attending formal dinner tomorrow night and holding a reception for scholarship recipients on Thursday.

You can still buy a BLOX T-shirt! But please do it soon: You can purchase a shirt or tote bag through this google form. There are tons of pretty colors to choose from, but the design will be printed in black, so we recommend you avoid darker colors. To get a glimpse of what the shirts might look like, check out the image below. To pay for your shirt, see Matt in the office.

Tomorrow's lecture is currently TBD. Isobel Armstrong is unable to attend due to illness. However, fear not! There WILL be a lecture, featuring a special guest. Come to the Oakeshott Room at 5pm tomorrow to find out more. We hear it might involve archives, or Freud, or Oscar

Wilde, or *Othello*, or something. Sadly, it will probably not be about Jane Austen. Hopefully it will not be about Emily or Matt using their improv skills to give a lecture on the spot. (Seriously, let's all hope it's not that.)

Speaking of public speaking, we are now accepting proposals for the annual BLOX Academic conference, to be held on Friday July 26th. Click here to submit your ideas. Note that you can definitely sign up to present even if your work is still in progress, and we hope you will. If you have questions, please speak to Shelby Knighten.

In more mundane news, **just about everyone tried to do laundry last week** and things got a little hectic. (We have requested repairs for the broken machine.) If you put clothes in, please make sure you check back/move them in a timely fashion so we don't end up with a backlog of wet stuff that needs to be dried. Also, rumor has it that there is laundry in Staircase 15 across the street, so you can give that a shot.

We are once again reminding you that **you will eventually need to sign up for meals on the weekends.** You do not have to do this yet, but you will, probably on Wednesday. **If you don't sign up for weekend meals, there might not be food for you and it will be awkward.** Avoid the awkwardness and please fill out the survey when Matt sends it out.

Finally, a list of things you might want to check out in Oxford:

The Oxford Museum of Natural History is only about 10 minutes away by foot, and it's in a beautiful building designed by John Ruskin. It has the only known soft tissue remains of a Dodo bird, as well as dinosaur skeletons, a bunch of animals, and a cafe.

If the Museum really gets you in the mood to look at dead stuff, you can also check out the **University College Percy Shelley Memorial,** which is a statue of the poet *after* he drowned in Italy. It's only about five minutes from Lincoln. If you show the porter your Bodleian card, they should understand that you're not a mere tourist and let you in.

Speaking of **your Bodleian card**, you can use it to get into places that other people aren't allowed. Other colleges, for example. We recommend Magdalen, which is pronounced "Maudlin," and also has deer on campus, and a very nice walking path. More importantly, it *doesn't* have large groups of teenagers with matching lanyards and backpacks.

If you are interested in a different perspective on Oxford, the **Uncomfortable Oxford** tours talk about the history of the less-recognized and marginalized groups in Oxford, as well as some of the other more complicated aspects of the university. Tours are often led by students currently studying history at the university.

If you don't want to do any of that, you can go **punting**, which involves pushing a boat along the river with a really big stick. (This is harder than it sounds.)

THE PANICULUM

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

Vol. 44, No. 8, Thursday the 18th of July, 2024

Calendar:

Thursday, July 18th 5:45pm Scholarship Reception, Grove Quad (Note new location!)

Friday July 19th Actual summer weather! Enjoy your weekend!

Dean Emily Bartels is here until Saturday. Her calendar is pretty full, but if you really would like to meet with her please let us know and we'll try to make sure you can connect. Or if you just want to say hello, look for her in the dining hall or at the scholarship reception this afternoon, **which has been moved to Grove Quad.** (The sun is shining! For a brief moment!)

The annual BLOX Academic conference will be held on Friday July 26th. Click here to submit your ideas, hopefully by tomorrow. This is a great opportunity to share some of the research or writing that you've done this summer, or creative writing, or even present on work you've done in the classroom. The theme is close reading, but here's a hint- *you can probably connect your work to the idea of close reading somehow.* And even if you don't, we won't boo you off the stage. Questions? Talk to Shelby Knighten!

Oxford Degree Days are coming up. That means that regular Lincoln students are graduating. You will see them in gowns and formal attire, with lots of excited parents taking their pictures. Scheduled degree days are Tuesday 7/23, Saturday 7/27, and Saturday 8/3. (Yes, that's also our commencement!)

Most relevant to us, Princess Elisabeth of Belgium, is graduating from Lincoln College on Tuesday. Her family will be in attendance at both the ceremony at the Sheldonian Theatre and a reception at Lincoln. Some things to know about this day:

- The Lincoln College Library will be closed from 10:30am-12:30pm for a press event. It will reopen in the afternoon.
- There may be "unauthorized" press outside the college, and they might try to ask you questions. Lincoln's domestic bursar says that you may "do as you wish," but recommends against speaking to them, "especially if they're British press." We're not planning to speak to them, but we also just learned that Belgium has a royal family, so maybe they don't want to speak to us either.
- Press does *not* include the Paniculum. If you see any members of the Belgian Royal Family, we hope you will speak to a reporter from the Paniculum, (ie, come spill it to us in the office) and we will print whatever juicy gossip you tell us. We are American, and

we are not afraid of British libel laws. Also, the Belgian royal family doesn't have access to Breadweb, so *they'll never know.*

- Graduation festivities will be using many of the spaces on campus, ie Oakeshott, Langford, and Lower Lecture rooms. Classes may be moved to the JCR or other spaces. Check with your instructor for details, and if you're planning to host any kind of event or meeting we'd recommend you check in with us in the office about availability.

If you would like to see some photos of Elisabeth hanging out at Lincoln, here's an article from when she first matriculated. If you'd like to know why the domestic bursar recommends not talking to the British press, check out the tabloid section at your local newsstand.

Trivia Night/Pub Quiz is next week, Thursday, July 25th. Simon of Deep Hall will create a fantastic night of trivia of all kinds. You can begin to assemble your teams now. (There are probably about three people on campus who are good at the Science and Nature category, so see if you can snap one of them up.) It's also never too early to start to work on your cleverly suggestive team name.

Come pay for your T-shirts! We will take your money here in the office, but it has to be cash. In related news, the closest ATMs are probably on Cornmarket Street.

While you are in the office to pay for your t-shirts, **please feel free to take some snacks.** We have an ample supply of crisps (Lightly salted, Sweet Chili or Cheese and Onion) and some sodas, mints, and something called Fruitella that's kind of like Starburst.

Finally, a reminder that you need to sign up for weekend meals now. If you don't sign up, **there may not be food available for you.** Use this form.

T H E P A N I C U L U M

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

Vol. 44, No. 9, Monday the 22nd of July, 2024

Calendar:

Monday July 22nd	5:45pm-6:45pm Bread Loaf Students of Color, Deep Hall
	7:45-8:45pm *Criticism and Truth* Reading Group, Williams Room
	8:00pm Deep Blue Parlor, Oakeshott Room
Tuesday, July 23rd	All day: Belgian Invasion! (Lincoln Library closed 10:30-12:30)
	5:00pm Lecture, Nicole King, Oakeshott Room
	6:15 Drinks Reception, Grove Quad
	7:00pm Formal Dinner, Hall
Wednesday July 24th	2:00-3:30pm Poetry Workshop, Isobel Armstrong, Lower Lecture Room
	7:30pm Circe Reading (Ulysses), Deep Hall

There is **a lot of stuff happening this week!** (We aren't even talking about the total chaos that is the world, either. Just at Bread Loaf, there is a lot happening.)

First, a reminder that **tomorrow is one of Oxford's Degree Days.** For more information about what this means for most Oxford students, check out the fun animated video on this page. To learn more about what Oxford students are allowed to wear for their graduation ceremonies, check out this description of academic dress. And when you see all those Oxford graduates tomorrow, remind yourself how lucky you are to have the freedom to wear colored socks and use the bathroom if you need to. (Seriously, watch the video).

But also, remember- tomorrow isn't just any Degree Day. **Tomorrow is when the Crown Princess of Belgium graduates.** It is probably going to be **kind of a weird day**. Specifically:

-The Lincoln College library is closed in the morning, 10:30am-12:30pm for a "press event." (We think this means a glamorous royal photo shoot in the library, not sure.)

-Stephen Berenson's Page to Stage class has been moved to the JCR for tomorrow. This means that **the JCR will be closed from 10am-12:30pm on Tuesday.** Please don't go in there unless you are enrolled in the class.

-Basically, if you're looking for publicly available space on Tuesday the 23rd, it will be hard to come by. We couldn't even find Jeri a room. You might want to try a coffee shop or the Bodleian. Or you can come by **the Bread Loaf office**, where we don't have a lot of space, but **we will give you snacks.**

-Be prepared to be **accosted by the press** if you enter or exit the college. Also be prepared for a lot of **security guards and general fuss**. We're not really sure what to expect, but it's going to be…something.

By Tuesday night, the Belgian royals should have cleared out (we think? We assume they aren't staying in Lincoln College dorm rooms?) and normal Bread Loaf stuff will resume. This includes:

A 5pm lecture by Dr. Nicole King of Exeter College. Dr. King's talk will be titled "Beyond Bigger Thomas and Pecola Breedlove: Fictions of Black Childhood." Her research is focused on African-American and Caribbean literature, and she is currently working on a book titled *Black Childhood in Modern African American Fiction.* This will be followed by a drinks reception and formal dinner. (It's Supreme of Chicken! We don't really know what that means or how that is different than non-Supreme chicken, but maybe that is another thing that we will learn about tomorrow.)

On Wednesday, Isobel Armstrong will be here (in-person! Not on Zoom!) and she will be giving a poetry workshop titled "What We Do When We Read a Poem." **The workshop runs from 2:00pm-3:30pm, and there are four spots left!** Send Emily an email or Breadweb message if you would like to join. Isobel is a Bread Loaf legend and she doesn't have COVID anymore, so there is really no reason not to sign up.

On Wednesday night after dinner, Jeri would like to invite one and all to join her James Joyce class in Deep Hall for a reading of "Circe," which is a book of *Ulysses* (written in play format, which is why you'll be reading it out loud.) It's a very strange play, which is why you might want to read it with an expert, and of course, a drink.

Trivia Night is still scheduled for Thursday, July 25th, and Simon told us he just finished writing the questions. Start to brush up on your arcane knowledge now.

And finally, **The Bread Loaf Conference will be taking place this Friday the 26th, from 9am to 3:30pm.** Stay tuned for more details soon.

The penultimate section of today's Paniculum is called **"Stuff you probably owe us money for."** Sorry about this in advance, but here goes:

First, if you have not paid for your t-shirt, **please pay Matt for your t-shirt, in the office, in cash.** Please do this ASAP.

Next, if you're a senior, **you need to pay for any guests that are coming to graduation dinner.** You also need to pay for your **graduation gown rental, which is £20.** Please pay for these by the end of this week if possible. You can pay Matt in the office, in cash.

Finally, just a heads up that we recommend **tipping your Scout.** (That's the person who has been cleaning your room all summer.) A standard tip would be **£15 to £20,** which you can leave in your room when you go at the end of the summer, or deliver by hand when you happen to see them.

We're sorry we only take cash for these things. We're aware we might be the only people in the UK who actually want cash. Here is a map of ATMs in Oxford.

Finally, the very last section of today's Paniculum is called **"Stuff you don't have to pay us for."** Yay! We're also happy about that!

The first thing you do not need to pay for is **the senior picnic on August 1st.** Simon of Deep Hall will be catering, and you can invite your family members if they are around.

The next thing you do not need to pay for is **your own graduation meal. All students (including non-seniors) are invited to graduation, and nobody has to pay!** This meal is included in the price of tuition, as it is technically one of our summer formal dinners. (We won't even try to make you wait tables, like they used to in Vermont.) We'll be asking you to RSVP eventually, so we can make a seating chart. But we just wanted you to know that you're invited.

T H E P A N I C U L U M

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

Vol. 44, No. 10, Thursday the 25th of July, 2024

Calendar:

Thursday, July 24th 7:30pm Trivia Night aka Pub Quiz, Deep Hall

Friday, July 25th 9:00am-3:30pm BLOX Academic Conference, Oakeshott Room

Pub Quiz is on for TONIGHT! See you there. No googling allowed.

The Bread Loaf Conference will be taking place this Friday the 26th, from 9am to 3:30pm. Here is the tentative schedule. It is also pasted at the end of this document. We hope you'll join us for all or part of the day!

Please fill out the meal survey for the weekend, and remember that if you *don't* RSVP to weekend meals, you might not get any of that ham with mustard, pineapple and oak leaf.

T-shirts will be here very soon! If you still owe us money, come by the office to pay.

And finally, here is **more information than you ever thought you needed about graduation and related festivities!**

First, an announcement is for non-seniors: You are invited to graduation and the dinner! You are on the meal plan, and it is one of the meals included in your tuition, even if you live off-campus. You do NOT have to pay again. ***However, you really do need to let us know if you are coming.*** That's because we make a seating plan for the entire hall, and we want it to be accurate. Please fill out this form when you have a chance. Also please note that you may be asked to sit in the buttery across the hall, since we have so many seniors this year. Please don't take it personally. We still like you.

Now, on to **Seniors:**

At 5pm on Thursday. August 1st there will be a graduation rehearsal. All seniors should plan to attend. This will be short and straightforward, but it will show you where to stand, sit, etc. You'll also get to see the Exeter College chapel, which is where the ceremony will be held. (There are too many of you for Lincoln Chapel.) If you can't come to the rehearsal, just figure out who goes ahead of you and follow what they do. (But maybe make sure that person *did* attend rehearsal, just so we don't end up devolving into complete chaos?)

The rehearsal will be immediately followed by the **senior picnic,** which will take place at **6pm in Grove Quad.** Despite its name, **it is NOT just for seniors!** It's for all Bread Loaf students,

faculty, staff, family members, friends, and it's also a chance to thank Lincoln College staff. Simon of Deep Hall is catering, and **nobody has to pay.** There will be food and also Pimms Cups. If you haven't had a Pimms Cup, please have one. And then have another one for Emily Z, who can't drink this year. And then have some water, because FYI those things are deceptively strong.

On Friday August 2nd there are no graduation-related events. Go frolic with the cows in Port Meadow. Or buy some random crap that says "Oxford" on it. Or whatever. (Or livestream this Sheldonian event with Philip Pullman and George R.R. Martin. In-person tickets are sold out. Jeri is having tea with them right before the event, though, so maybe she can give you some behind-the-scenes intel.)

The graduation ceremony will be at 5pm on August 3rd, in Exeter chapel. Seniors, please come to the JCR 30-40 minutes ahead of that so you can put on your gown and get ready. Also, please note that your gown is open in the front, so don't think you can pull off that hilarious graduation stunt where you are naked under your robe. That would be awkward.

Once everyone is dressed, you will process down Turl Street and into Exeter chapel for the ceremony. Seating for guests is first-come, first-served, so you might encourage your guests to get there a little bit ahead of time. However, there should be more than enough room for everyone. There will be speeches and graduates (you've graduated from 'senior' to 'graduate!') will be hooded with a blue Middlebury hood.

After the ceremony, we all head back to Lincoln and graduates get to walk on the Chapel Quad grass and their parents and friends get to take pictures of them walking on the grass. This is usually fun for about fifteen minutes, and then everyone is ready for a drink.

Then we all go to the Rector's garden for a super-fancy drinks reception. This is the same place where Princess Elisabeth had her graduation reception, so that's fun. It's also very pretty. If you can't make it to the reception, feel free to visit the Bread Loaf office sometime next week. You can go into our bathroom, climb up on the sink and stick your head out the window. Then you'll get to at least see the Rector's garden.

At 7pm, dinner is served. Seniors, you will be seated near your guests (we presume that's what you want?) **You do have to pay for your guests' dinners, in cash, in the office, by next Wednesday at the latest.** Each guest is £44, which includes four courses and a truly large amount of alcohol. (If you *don't* like your guests, maybe some wine will help.)

After dinner, everyone is invited to Deep Hall, because you may not have had enough to drink yet. And then you have to leave Sunday morning! You're going to feel great.

If that wasn't enough information for you, **here are some Graduation FAQs:**

Q: Do we have to follow the Oxford dress code that Emily put in the Paniculum last week? Like, with all-black socks and everything?

A: No. That was just random information for your entertainment. Wear whatever you want. In America, we believe everyone should have freedom to wear colored socks. Healthcare, no. But freedom, yes.

Q:Are they called gowns or robes?

A: Walters, the rental place, calls them gowns. Jeri calls them gowns. But Lincoln did have signs up about "robing" last week, so we don't know. Maybe gown is a noun and robe is a verb? In any case, they cost £20 to hire, which means to rent. So please pay us in the office by next Wednesday.

Q: What's for graduation dinner?

A: We don't know yet, but the seniors have been meeting with the chef to plan something nice. So maybe braised squid?

Q: When do I get my Gamaliel Painter's Cane?

A: It will be mailed to you sometime this fall, right when you've totally forgotten about it, and you'll be like "wait, what is this?" And then it will sit in a random corner of your house for a long time.

Conference Program

9:00-9:20 | WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Shelby Knighten and Jeri Johnson

9:20-10:35 | PAPER PANEL

• Amanda Levitt, “Gender, Nature, and the Supernatural in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight”

• William Freed, “Reading Wrong: Perceval's Failure to Interpret Spectacle in Chretien De Troyes'

The Story of the Grail”

• Emily Reynolds, “The 'Harmless Drudge' at War: English Imperialism in James Boswell's The Life

of Samuel Johnson”

• Angela Jones, “The People Can Fly: Exploring Black American Mythology and Folk Literature in

Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon”

10:35-10:45 | BREAK

10:45-11:25 | WORKSHOP NO. 1

Marsha Hawkins, “Creatively Reimagining Shakespeare and Beyond: active methods for engaging

students in close reading”

11:25-11:30 | BREAK

11:30-12:10 | WORKSHOP NO. 2

Coza Perry, ”'But I Already Read It!' Approaching Close Reading with Twice-Exceptional Teens”

12:10-12:15 | BREAK

12:15-12:55 | WORKSHOP NO. 3

Alex Muck, “Communication in Crisis - Close Reading Complacency, Complicity, and Creating

Something Better”

12:55-1:45 | LUNCH

1:45-2:45 | SPECIAL PANEL: MEMORY AND CLOSE READING

• Rosie Jayde Uyola, “Public Commemoration and Memory”

• Sisel Gelman, “Aesthetics and Memory”

• Giorey Valdes, “The British Museum’s Mind"

2:45-2:55 | BREAK

2:55-3:35 | WORKSHOP NO. 4

Genithia Hogges and Venecia Proctor, "Beyond the Page: Close Reading Across Literature and the Arts”

T H E P A N I C U L U M

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

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Calendar:

Monday July 29th 5:45pm-6:45pm Bread Loaf Students of Color, Deep Hall

7:45-8:45pm *Criticism and Truth* Reading Group, Williams Room

8:00pm Deep Blue Parlor, Oakeshott Room

There is nothing happening on Tuesday or Wednesday except you writing your final paper and/or trying to figure out how to fit all your stuff in your bag. Commencement festivities will commence on Thursday with the Senior Picnic. Until then, you have no excuse not to get stuff done. Sorry.

And just to be absolutely clear, since we're all set in our ways by now: **there is NO formal dinner this Tuesday.** It is a regular, informal dinner, but it does have sweet potato fries. Also, FYI, you can get a drink from Deep Hall and bring it to dinner if you really need that Tuesday night party feeling.

The T-shirts are here! They look beautiful! Come by the office to pick up your shirt, and or pay for your shirt. And if you didn't order one and you now have FOMO, there are a very small number of extras (all white) available for purchase.

Non-seniors, please, please, pretty please, fill out this form related to graduation dinner if you haven't already. You are invited to dinner, and we hope you will attend if you're able. But the kitchen wants an exact count, and we're making a seating chart for the entire hall and buttery. There may even be place cards and other fancy touches. So please tell us if you're planning to make it. Otherwise there may be a place card with your name on it sitting at an empty seat, which will make everyone sad.

Some other things you might want to know, related to the end of the term:

If you're living in a Lincoln dorm, you can stay until the morning of August 4th. Until then if you're on the meal plan, all meals are still included for you. (The last meal is Sunday breakfast.) So even if you're totally finished with your paper, you can hang out for a while! Even if you're not graduating. If you want to stay after August 4th, you may be able to arrange that by emailing domesticbursary@lincoln.ox.ac.uk with your request. It will cost you about £90 per night, which will probably sound like a lot until you start looking for a hotel in the area.

Checking out of Lincoln is pretty easy (sadly!) Just give your key to the porter and let them know you're leaving. But don't forget to give your Scout £15 or so as a thanks for the summer. You can leave it in your room if you don't see them in person.

If you can't fit all that stuff in your bag, you can try shipping a box using DHL, which is located at Ryman Stationers on High Street. The nice thing about this is that they charge a flat fee per box, so instead of getting horrible sticker shock when you bring your things to the Post Office, you can mentally prepare yourself before they ring you up at the register. Also, they'll give you a box to use, so you can just show up with a giant Tesco bag of random crap and pack it there instead of trying to find a box somewhere else. (Yes, we've done this a few times.)

You can also just use a service like Sendmybag which will handle your luggage door to door. It will likely cost you 100-200 bucks, though, so it may only be worth it if you really don't want to deal with your own luggage, or you really have too much stuff.

You can also get rid of things by donating to Oxfam (used bookstore across the street, thrift shop on Broad) or to the Bread Loaf office. Remember that box of random stuff you looted through five weeks ago? Yeah, now it's time to pay it forward! We can't wait to see what weird stuff you bring us so we can stick it in the closet for a year. In return, we'll give you some crisps.

BTW, we'll also take back those fans, lamps, teakettles, and other assorted objects you borrowed. If you could bring them back by Friday, we'll be extremely grateful. If you desperately need something later than that, you could potentially bring it on Saturday or Sunday, but **only if you're really nice to us.**

Other things that we'll accept in the office include: money for graduation gown rental (£20 due Wednesday), money for graduation guests (£44 per person, due Wednesday), money for t-shirts (due before you get your t-shirt) and information about whether non-seniors are staying for graduation dinner. (If you don't like google surveys you can just tell us.)

T H E P A N I C U L U M

Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, Oxford

Vol. 44, No. 12, Thursday the 1st of August, 2024

Calendar:

Thursday, August 1st	5:00pm Commencement Rehearsal for Seniors. (Meet at Lodge)
	6:00pm Senior Picnic! Grove Quad (Hopefully)
Friday, August 2nd	Relax, pack, bring your unwanted stuff to the office.
Saturday, August 3rd	4:15 Graduates begin congregating at the JCR for the Gowning.
	4:45 Procession to Exeter Chapel
	5:00pm Commencement Ceremony
	6:00pm-ish, pictures, walking on grass, drinks in Rector's Garden.
	7:00pm Formal dinner, Hall.
Sunday, August 4th	8:30am-9:15am Breakfast, Hall
	10:00am Check-out Time ☹️

The Senior Picnic is tonight! It is catered by Simon, who wants everyone to know that drinks will be available starting at 6pm, while food will be ready sometime between 6:30pm and 7pm, and they'll keep cooking until we stop eating. If it rains, we'll likely be in Deep Hall. We hope you'll come, bring your friends, and remember to say hello and thank you to any of the Lincoln staff you see around, because they will also be there as our guests.

Non-Seniors, if you didn't RSVP to commencement dinner, then we assume you'll be there. You're going to be the guest of honor and give the celebratory toast! (Just kidding. But please, any information you have about dinner would be helpful to us as we finalize the seating plan.)

Seniors, we've probably flooded you with enough information about commencement by now, but if you have questions feel free to drop by and ask.

If you need to pay for anything, please pay for it today! Matt has to meet with the bursar and reconcile accounts by tomorrow morning, and we would like to have everything settled by then. If you don't have £££, we can direct you to the nearest cash machines. Also, we're enjoying using a keyboard that has the £ sign. We're going to make the most of it while we can. ££££!

Almost everyone has picked up their t-shirt. Yay! We can all wear them to the picnic and feel kind of like we're on a summer camp field trip or something. Also, if you want a tote bag we have a few extras for purchase. They are the basic model, and they cost £8. They have a beautiful design by BLSE's own Dana Olsen, and they don't have a year on them, so they are a timeless addition to your capsule wardrobe. Or your English teacher tote collection or whatever.

It is now definitely time for you to deal with your stuff. Literal stuff, that is, like the objects that you are taking home or not. Just a reminder that you can return fans, lamps, teapots and other borrowed items to the Bread Loaf Office, and you're also welcome to donate things to us. **If you're able to bring them by Friday at 1pm, that would be really helpful**, as it gives us time to pack. (Yes, we are packing up the whole office.) If you really need your item later than that (we understand you might need that hair dryer for Commencement) please just leave it by the office door when you go. Emily will do one last final collection of stuff on Sunday morning after breakfast.

Also, one last reminder that it would be nice to **tip your Scout** by leaving them a little bit of cash when you go. Also, if you leave stuff in your room they'll probably bring it to us anyway, so you might as well bring it by now :)